Prayer 6/11/61 7/23

Almighty God, our heavenly Father in humble reverence and joyful praise we call upon thy holy name. O thou who art the Father of all mankind we ask thee to be present among us, hear our prayer, inspire & fill us with thy holy spirit that we may more fully worship thee. Our hearts cry out in adoration of thee O God, thou hast created the world and all that inhabit it; thou holdest the universe in the palm of thy hand, thou hast fashioned every intricate detail of nature and every fluctuation of natural forces. Thy love hath created us, thy care sustains us & thy concern redeems us. O God hear the words of our hearts as we bow in humble praise

We are truly grateful O Lord for all the blessings thou hast bestowed upon us. We give thee thanks for our homes and families, for the experiences of happiness & sadness; joy & regret that fill each day of our lives. 8:30

We thank thee for all of our fellow mankind - for our bondage to one another as children of one Father

We thank thee for all the actions & races of the earth, for the infinite number of differences that make us both individuals and yet only manifestations of thy handiwork.

We thank thee for thy Holy Spirit - that has inspired men down through the ages to dedicate their lives to the betterment of mankind. - For artists & composers whose work shows forth the beauty of thy creation. - For authors & poets whose work demonstrates the beauty that can come from the human mind, for craftsmen and architects whose labor shows the potential of human imagination. For doctors & nurses whose work shows forth thy compassion; for professors & teachers - whose vocation is evidence of thine infinite wisdom.

Contemplating our gifts O God, we are overwhelmed by a sense of guilt. How frequently we neglect to recognize thee as the giver of every good & perfect gift. How often we take pride in our accomplishments - forgetting how totally dependant we are on thee. Instill in us humility - that we may see our shortcomings; that we may know that thy presence alone gives us strength and meaning. 8:30

O Lord of Life we beseech thee that thou wouldst ~~guide~~ give us guidance & direction in all that we do. That thy spirit may so fill us that we may know right from wrong, that our actions may be fitting in thy sight. We ask thee for wisdom & insight that we may separate the ultimate from the trivial, that our lives may be dedicated to truth and not falsehood 8:30

O God in thy gracious concern we ask thy blessing on all those throughout the world who are less fortunate than we. For the sick & needy; for the poverty stricken & down trodden. We ask thy healing presence for all those of our own number who are in ill health.

All this we ask & pray in the name of our only Lord & savior - even Jesus Christ Amen